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Wine-stained Linen

Table linen stained with wine should have the marked part held in a pan of boiling milk. Take care not to get the cloth near the flame of a burner. Wash the linen in the usual way afterwards.

For a Cold

A good drink to take when you have a feverish cold is half a pint of hot milk into which you have stirred a small teaspoonful of vinegar and a little honey.

A Liver Dish

A splendid dish for a child or for an invalid just getting back to normal is this one made with liver. Mix two ounces of finely chopped raw liver with half a teaspoonful of bread crumbs. Season lightly and add a little lemon juice. Stir in a beaten egg and a tablespoonful of cream. Then the stiffly whipped white of the egg. Pour into a small buttered mould. Cover with greased paper and steam for about 35 minutes. This can be served with mashed vegetables if liked.

Bridge Notes

By EWART KEMPSON

THE hand given below is played in a small sin contract, which looks easy enough; appearances, are sometimes deceptive, however.

Both sides were vulnerable when South dealt:

♠ A 7 8 5 3
♥ A J 5 3
♦ A J 5 3
♣ A Q J 2
K 10 9 8 2
K 8 2

The bidding opened modestly enough with one Diamond from South, but the final contract became Six Diamonds and West led the King of Hearts.

South, who was playing in a contract governed by aggregate points, had no urgent reason to fear the King of Hearts, but when dummy appeared he paused to wonder just how he would have tackled the play in a grand slam contract.

THE TASK

After a while, it dawned on him that he had not yet made twelve tricks. How would you have attempted the task?

If the diamond queen is caught in two rounds—either by finesse or drop—you may play out the Ace and Queen of spades, discarding two clubs from dummy unless West produces the King.

By this means, you lose only the King of Spades if East has it, or a club. But the diamond queen might fall on the first round of trumps, from which moment there is no difficulty.

Another plan is to try to set up a long heart in dummy; this would give a club discard to South who could concede a spade with pleasure provided he caught the queen of trumps.

FINESSE OR DROP?

How would you play the trump: finesse or drop? If finesse, which side would you try to catch?

Actually the adverse trumps were divided 3-1, and, by playing for half-trained woman, you would lose the King. He tried the spade play, but East held a well-guarded King and thus was the contract defeated.

While it may be true that "all that glitters is not gold," the glistering in the above hand is thoroughly golden.

Having won the first trick, dummy should lead a heart, which South ruffs. The Ace and two of spades follow. North ruffs and returning a heart.

If things go at all normally the plan is delivered on a simple cross-ruff, whereas if things go badly (if one opponent over-ruffs a heart or a spade), there is still the chance of getting up a long heart or of finding the queen of clubs with West.

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Carpet Edges

If you do not wish to go to the trouble of binding a piece of carpet, you have cut to size, brush a coating of glue neatly on the cut edge and for about half an inch on the underside of the carpet. This will prevent the edge from fraying.

I HAVE been a sailor for 29 years, yet my most exciting and dramatic adventure was packed into 29 days when I was the prisoner-guest of Captain Hans Langsdorf aboard the Graf Spee.

Although he was the commander of a world famous battleship, we had a great deal in common as sailors, and this made him talk readily with me.

Both of us had been through the last war, he in destroyers, myself in naval transport work. I was at the landing of the British troops at Dar-es-Salaam in 1916, I landed troops at Salonika in the same year, and I was chased by the Emden.

Out of the Blue

The greatest adventure of a long and varied life at sea came "out of the blue"—just as most of the big adventures do, I suppose.

I started, as a grey shadow on the horizon of the Indian Ocean one day in November, 1939. I shall not easily forget the day. It was the fifteenth, two days after I had left Quelimane in Portuguese East Africa bound southwards for Lorenzo Marques.

My ship was the Africa Shell, a 706-ton tanker belonging to the Shell Company of East Africa, built in 1939 at Greenock. I had gone home to England from Mombasa to take command and bring her out on the East African route.

I was very proud of my new ship.

The Africa Shell was a specialised job designed to maintain the fuel supply of the great number of boats on the British South Africa service. Her "beat" was to be the 2,000 miles coastal route between

Mombasa and Durban, stocking petrol dumps at points en route.

I was in ballast, having discharged the last of my cargo at Quelimane... and that was one of the few cruises that Captain Hans Langsdorf ever levelled at me.

Here I thought I had a fine prize of oil," he told me afterwards. "Just what I most needed. And you were empty! Why I would never have given my position away just for a small empty ship."

As a quarter past eleven in the morning I was on the bridge myself with my native third officer. It had been raining early in the morning and the sky was still grey and overcast.

Instead of the usual brilliant sunshine and blue of the East African coast.

In this respect, as I glanced to seaward I thought I could see a grey shape about two points off the beam. To the naked eye it might have been a distant rain squall or a cloud, but somehow I was suspicious of it.

I picked up my glasses casually to have a better look... and I got the shock of my life.

There, plain in the focus of my glasses was the outline I might see. I had been dreaming I might see. I had made it my business to find out just what a German pocket battleship looked like, and I had a photograph of the Deutschland in my chart room for all the officers to see.

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I took another glance at the ship. It was closing in. I saw that the ship was trying to signal me. Flags went up at her yard arm and I read the order: "Heave to. I am going to board you."

The ship closed in. I had no more doubts about the nationality of the ship which was chasing me. No man was visible, but I knew just the same.

For one thing she was heavily camouflaged and all the British warships I had seen had been plain grey.

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- 1 oz. 4 ply wool in pink.
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- A crochet hook.
- A few yards of coloured wools to embroider collar and face.

Capt. Langsdorf Welcome

this, even though it does
Britain!"

his action in sinking my ship," he said. And on to talk to me extremely times almost indiscreetly. German point of view. I realised that he was against me. I should never see him again.

British Ships

"Now, Captain Dove, reported to me that everything. It is possible you with everything that I am going to turn south away from the British will be much better."

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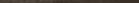
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Now cast off first 3 sts. of first needle and leave remaining sts. on spare needles.

6th round: 1 ch. 1 d.c. on 1 d.c. a
 round. Join with s.c. into the 1 ch.
 7th round: 1 ch. 1 d.c. on 1 d.c. a
 round. Join with s.c. into the 1 ch.
 8th round: 1 ch. * 2 d.c. on 1 d.c.
 (1 d.c. on 1 d.c.) 7 times, rep. from

in next st. rep. from *once. Work 2 rounds plain.
5th round: *Inc in first st. K.11. inc. in next st. rep. from *once. Work 6 rounds plain.
13th round: K.7 inc. twice in next st. after the 1st & last edge stitches.

The Arms
With navy wool, cast on 2 sts.
(two needles).
1st row: Inc. once in each st.
2nd row: Purl.

work 6 rows after st. in white wool round edge of collar, just inside garment, border. Press collar and stitch in position. Cut a round of cardboard to fit top of cap and insert. Embroider the face, using blue wool for eyes and red for mouth.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

by Mrs. A. Stephenson. Mrs. English was appointed delegate to the Food Production conference to be held at Ottawa.

Highlight of the evening was a talk "Work of a Woman Magistrate," by Mrs. English, who is a J.P.

The speakers general

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WALL.—Gifts were presented to Mr. Gilchrist Bell on her retirement from office as president. Mrs. J. Herdman, senior member, presented Mrs. Bell with a blue glass flower bowl and tall, white

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I gave him my name, standing there in my tropical kit which I had been wearing when we first sighted the raider, the uniform which in the Service we called Red Sea kit. The Commander looked at my open-necked white shirt, captain's epaulettes and removed his cap, tapped on the door then threw it wide open, stepped smartly back a pace and gave the Nazi salute.

"The English Captain," he announced in German.

I heard a pleasant, youthful-sounding

He did not say anything further

He greeted me with a smile which lighted his whole face as he came forward and greeted me. I noticed particularly his fair moustache and that he wore an unusual type of beard on his lower lip, something which

through all kinds of compartments . . . and every yard there was something interesting to observe.

Young Sailors

That was my introduction to a very great-hearted gentleman, Captain Hans Langsdorf.

afterwards that this was the case. A man of 25 was considered old among the sailors of the Graf Spee.

Eventually I was shown into the very last cabin on the port side, immediately above the port propeller. In this cabin the vibration and noise

man who occupied it. Flowers growing in pots of moss lined a shelf which ran beneath the bay windows.

Churchill Book

most unpleasant feeling it was. A great sense of loneliness swept over me which I had not felt until that moment.

My ship had gone, everything I had owned aboard her was at the bottom

When it was still only five o'clock in the afternoon the steward brought in what was apparently my evening meal. He was a civilian steward and seemed very ready to talk, and this was my experience all through. Every

Here was another surprise for me. Scores of German sailors in all kinds of uniforms were lounging, strolling, smoking, gossiping—it looked like a scene aboard a stage battleship.

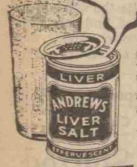
We both pored over the chart which had been brought over from the Africa Shell on which my position had been clearly marked. Eventually he shrugged his shoulders.

treated me with the same respect they would have given one of their own officers. I think this was actually due to the Germans' sense of discipline and their amazing respect for uniforms of any kind. During the past few



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DURING that first evening aboard the Graf Spee I was given many evidences of the thoughtfulness of Captain Langsdorf which was to characterise his actions throughout my stay on his ship. He was very anxious to comfort me over the loss of my vessel.

"You must not worry, it is the fortune of war," he repeated. "As for yourself, you will be kindly treated on my ship and also when you get back to Germany. Probably you will be repatriated through the Red Cross to Holland and you will be exchanged for a German captain. The Red Cross is doing very fine work of this kind now."

"So cheer up, Captain, and make this your home for the time being. Anything I can do for you will you please ask?"

I thanked him and took this for my dismissal. He rose, shook hands and took me to the door. I was

smoking one of his cigars. I had been drinking his whisky, and I had forgotten, engrossed as I was with my surroundings and the charm of the Captain, that I was a prisoner.

When I entered my cabin I found that the Master-at-Arms had produced a selection of books for me. He must have thought I was a heavy reader! Among the volumes he had chosen I noticed a large volume of the works of Shakespeare and a history of England. Every one of them had been taken from British ships which had been sunk by the Graf Spee.

The first night I spent aboard the Graf Spee the terrible vibration kept me awake until morning. For years I had not been accustomed to sleeping in the stern of a ship and the Graf Spee vibrated more than any ship I have ever known.

Naturally I was curious to see everything about this famous German pocket battleship and made up my mind to keep my eyes open all the time I was aboard her.

But that first morning I spent most of my exercise time huddled under the lee of the main gun turret. Walking round the decks was not safe. The ship was rolling heavily and the mainmast was far out aft. Every now and again she would ship an extra heavy sea and great waves of water would come seeping over the

of the Hamburg Amerika Atlantic liners.

"Strangely enough, we have another former merchant captain aboard who actually knows you. . . he is a friend of yours, or was in the peace days!"

"Who on earth can that be?" I asked, astonished.

"Captain Sondermann of the coasting steamer Ruffig, sailing on the main line as your Chief Officer."

"You mean who was sailing?" I corrected him jokingly. "That ship is laid up in Beira and the British

the reason for our speeding then stopping.

This time he was more positive. "It was a Holland sea Mapia," he told me. "I was Medon."

"Oh, another neutral?" I thought of the Japanese ship "Why did you not put me on?"

"No, you are staying on to meet your friends," he pointed out. "It was the captain of the Graf Spee who was the British captain of board to company."

That joke began to wear a thin a day after day and we were not a solitary British vessel in the British naval zone. It was responsible for this. We were being directed along routes so strongly guarded that even Captain Langsdorf's ship would shudder to think of them.

While exercising on the deck on the second day of my stay the Dutchman, Captain Langsdorf joined in my walk. He had been reduced to something of a skeleton by the British naval zone. I judged to be his knowledge of the Graf Spee's speed, steering south east, a direct route would take us away from any land.

I couldn't resist a good laugh at Captain Langsdorf's failure to sight any other ship. He laughed in puzzled tones and told me, spreading his hands, "Where are all your eyes?"

"For two weeks

have searched the Atlantic for a British ship. I have seen British ships every day. What happened to them, Captain?"

At that time I didn't answer to the puzzle myself. I should have told him if I had. I learned the reason later. The captain of the Dutch ship, a Tairao, who later became a captive in the Atlantic.

This was the story. A year at this time the sea season would have been over and ships would have been from Australian ports by and calling at the Cape de

By CAPT. PATRICK DOVE, Continuing his thrilling story, "I was Graf Spee's Prisoner." He was skipper of the tanker Africa Shell, which was sunk by the German pocket battleship.

Navy will make sure that she doesn't put to sea.

"We were both at home on leave from our ships when England declared war on us," he said, "and being officers of the reserve we were called up immediately. I was actually in my home only a few hours."

I noticed his phrase suggesting that England was the aggressor—"when England declared war on us"—but I made no comment at the time. I found later that all the German officers spoke that way.

Then we got down to the question of the protest. I must say that they were very cheerful and charming about it all. First of all he made out a receipt for my ship's papers and then asked me to add my protest in writing on the same document. I sat down at his desk and wrote, in purposely pompous and official phraseology:

"I, Patrick Gerald Gordon Dove, Master of the M.V. Africa Shell, of Mombasa, owned by the Shell Company of East Africa, do hereby protest against the action of the Captain of the German warship Graf Spee in capturing and destroying my ship in the territorial waters of Portuguese East Africa."

"According to the hearings taken by my Second Officer, my position

was scarcely any of the big, heavily-built Prussians which I remembered in the last war. So the job of finding a road-side German uniform to fit me was a difficult one. At last out of my stock they discovered a petty-officer's suit, which had the gold braid of the rank and the ten buttons of the German navy. He grinned as he took my measurement and I asked:

"Have you got enough material to make me a suit?" (I weighed at least 15 stone!)

Compared with the slightly-built Nazi sailors I was a giant, and during my stay on board I noticed that there

They fished me out, too, a pair of trousers to fit, undershorts, and shirt. I wore the suit home eventually, and I have them to this day.

I was surprised at the fine quality of the serge, and other people, particularly my women-folk, have commented on this too. The Germans may stint civilians, but in food and clothing I never saw any indication that they were stinting the fighting services.

Late that afternoon the Master-at-Arms came to my cabin and asked me: "Will you please come to the Prison Officer's cabin. He has some business to talk over with you."

I followed him up a companionway and underneath the main deck to the starboard alleyway and he led me into a palatial cabin quite as well appointed as the Commander's. The Prison Officer, Lieutenant Hertzberg, was already seated there and rose to greet me. The entry stepped out of the cabin, but the Master-at-Arms came in and took a seat with us.

I recognised him as the man who had taken me prisoner on board the Africa Shell the day before, and who had a drink there with me before my ship had been sunk.

I noticed that he, too, had a large chest full of tea for a table and that drinks were already set out to greet me, just as I had received him aboard my own vessel. In my own cabin. I noticed, also, that my ship's papers, the ship's register, her Articles, Lloyd's certificates of class, and the plan of the Africa Shell—were spread out in front of him on his desk.

"Captain, I have invited you along here so that you can complete the protest, in writing, which you made verbally yesterday."

"You speak excellent English," I said in surprise, for he had a wide command of our language and no trace of the guttural accent which one always associates with Germans.

"Ah, but I am a merchant officer like yourself," he explained. "I have been visiting English ports for many years. You see, until the war broke out, I was the Chief Officer of one

was ten and a half miles South-west by South from Cape Zeyher lighthouse, and my vessel was two and a half miles from there," and therefore inside the territorial limits of Portuguese East Africa."

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bunkers on their way to Ensenada. This practice was the worst. Late, all the ships which had been captured in Australia were being taken to their cargoes.

Langsdorf knew this. He saved himself thousands of tons of Diesel oil—and the ship had captured me."

(To be continued)

Book "I was Graf Spee's Prisoner" is published in the Cherry Lane series on March 16.

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Letters to the Editor

WAR-TIME MOTORING

Sir—While not unbolting joy riding, I think your correspondent G.W. in attacking motorists might keep his imagination within some slight approximation to fact.

He imagines that 200 gallons of petrol would be used by 100 or so cars on one occasion. This would represent a mileage of 200 to 250 miles for each! Actually the petrol ration for a car used for private purposes will suffice for only five or six miles a day.

Motorists pay a large share of taxation which would be seriously reduced if private cars were driven off the road, and in the event of sudden emergency every car kept in commission may be of vital importance for transport or evacuation purposes.

B. FAIR.

Sir—I have read in your paper the account of Nurse Shepherd's brave and courageous action on February 9 last.

I feel great admiration for such devotion to duty and human kindness, and hope most sincerely that the great deed will become known to the powers in authority and fully (if possibly) acknowledged.

Could any of the fighting men have done more?

(Mrs.) ELLEN MARSH, 14, Otterburn Terrace, Newcastle.

THE RED CROSS

Sir—Amid all the suffering and misery of warfare the position of the wounded and prisoners is perhaps most serious. Therefore, an organisation which looks after their welfare is

engaged in the most human work which can be imagined. When it is realised that the Cross has the status of a religion in all countries by reason of its Convention, it becomes clear that a belligerent government should international law provide for the welfare of the wounded and prisoners. It is therefore, with surprise, that I find the Red Cross General Council of the British Empire, which is the only body which Congress that the Red Cross during the present war should be supported.

WILLARD HENRY, Prospective Labour Controller for Heston, Northampton.

ENEMY ALLIANCE

Sir—The point raised by the stern over enemy alliance in this country is: Why should we be enemy or otherwise? We are not the comparative security of our country while our lads have been fighting.

To make them join the forces would be the test of our sympathies.

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We are all in this war together and the war loan gives everybody a chance to help to win. Great concerns will make great investments; but complete success will only come if everyone subscribes all, and even more than all, he can spare. Three hundred million pounds must be raised at once.

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If you can find £100 or more. Application accompanied by a deposit of £10 per cent. can be made through any branch of any bank in the United Kingdom, through your stockbroker, or direct to the Bank of England. The balance is due on April 15th, 1940 and a full half year's interest of £1:10:0 per cent. will be paid on October 15th, 1940.

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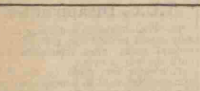


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Letters to the Editor

SIR—Whilst I am lost in admiration of the heroism and good work displayed by the members of the ship companies of H.M.S. Essex, Ajax and Achilles in the memorable battle with the Graf Spee, yet I am of the opinion that we are in danger of overdoing the labours which are being poured out on all hands. Every small village and hamlet which can boast even an able seaman or boy from one of these vessels is giving him a public reception and applauding him to the skies. It is pertinent to inquire whether all this would have happened had the battle gone the other way and our ships had been sunk. Would the survivors have been feted? Were the survivors of the Raveland given public dinners and banquets? And what about the fishermen who daily risk their lives in an effort to provide us with food? Do we invite them to a reception at the London Guildhall? And our submariners and mine-sweepers?

Every man and boy in the Navy, the merchant service, and the fishing trawlers and drifters today is doing equally well in a quiet way, what has been done under the most exciting conditions of battle. Let us accord equal honours to all of our heroes and stop making an invidious distinction of a few.

FRANK B. KEMP

TITHE TROUBLES

Sir—I am afraid, as a Free Churchman and with some interest in land

Heroes of the Sea

I do not see much explanation in Mr. Shaw's reference to the subject. Mr. Shaw is reported to say that all tithe rent was abolished in 1936. No such thing happened. Only the name changed to Queen Anne's Bounty Trustees (whatever that means). The immoral tithe charge goes on.

I understand there has been about 30 per cent. reduction, and if by pressure the reduction has been made, then the other 80 per cent. of the tithe cannot be right.

Of course the history of the tithe is a piece of old Tory legislation; when the squire and the parson were the supreme authority in the villages of this country and there was no people's vote. Still the vicarious charge is made on the broad acres of this land; and while the recipients, the clergy, are preaching what ought to be a free Gospel, vast numbers of farmers have been "sold off" because they would not subscribe to this evil imposition.

It is a tax on all people deriving their livelihood from the land. The landowner cannot improve his land and buildings partly because of tithes. It is reflected in the tenant's rent, and in the labourer's wages.

It is just about a century since a change was made from a tenth of the produce to the charge on the land. We Free Churchmen have to uphold our own churches and parsons and also pay tithes. It is time the National Farmers' Union took this matter up and freed the land from

the Church of England, which ought to stand upon its own feet.

FRED CHURCHMAN.

UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

Sir—The article by Lord Davies on "Peace Problems Must Be Solved Now" was greatly appreciated by me because of its logic and sane reasoning.

I have discussed very frequently and strongly the question of a United States of Europe, and some have said with an expressive look down their nose, "What happened to the League of Nations?" I know. It failed because its basic principles were idealistic. Money—and the lack of it—causes wars, or perhaps the word "currency" is more truthful.

A United States of Europe could have a common currency, a common language if mutually desired (for language, like music, is something that can become a strong link between nations) and a just pooling of resources. This is not an idle dream, else why have the United States of America made such a good job of it? They have discovered the secret of how to live and others can have it if they ask it if they want it.

STANLEY FORSTER.
Benton Road, Newcastle.

Captain Langsdorf: Hitler's Secret Weapon Was—

THE MAGNETIC MINE

BY the way, have you all the clothes you require, Captain? Captain Langsdorf asked me one day.

"Yes, I have, thank you," I answered, "but unfortunately I have now no money to pay for them."

"Don't worry about that, Captain," he laughed. "I will see that Mr. Churchill pays for them all right!"

He was very gleeful over this joke of his, about Mr. Churchill—and perhaps this turned his mind to cigars. He was puffing one at that moment, and throughout my stay on his ship I scarcely ever saw him without one.

"By the way, you smoke, don't you, Captain?" he asked.

"Yes," I said, "but I usually smoke a pipe and that is now at the bottom of the sea with my ship."



Captain Dove, who with 300 officers and men of the Ajax, will take part in a film, "For Freedom," the Graf Spee and Altmark. Captain Dove being Mr. Will Fyffe, who is also in the film.

Smoker's Outfit

"Ah, I think I can arrange a pipe," he said, "but in the meantime wouldn't you like a cigar?" I took one and the incident then went out of my mind.

But Captain Langsdorf had not forgotten about my pipe. Next morning his secretary came specially down to my cabin, knocked on the door and I called to him to come in. He gave me a naval salute and handed me a parcel. "This is for you, Captain," from the Commandant," he said.

I took off the brown paper covering and there inside was a large-boxed

Continuing...

'I Was Graf Spee's Prisoner'

By CAPTAIN PATRICK DOVE, of the tanker, Africa Shell

brilliant pipe, straight stemmed like an English pipe, a quarter of a pound packet of German tobacco, a box of matches and two pipe cleaners. The complete smoker's outfit!

This was just one of the many acts of kindness which Captain Langsdorf showed me and which no doubt helped to increase the friendship which had sprung up between us.

Another boon which he personally arranged for me was to send to my cabin his own private file of the news of the day which he received over his radio from New York and Rugby, the British official wireless Press, all uncorrected. Many times he would underline passages for me which concerned the war at sea, whether it was favourable or unfavourable to him.

All this was highly interesting, especially since afterwards Captain

Langsdorf would discuss items in the news with all the knowledge of a German naval expert. One of the most interesting points which he discussed with me, and something which was entirely new to me, was the employment of the magnetic mine.

He never tried to disguise the fact that Hitler and the German nation looked upon this as the secret weapon which was going to be the decisive factor in winning the war.

One morning a passage quoting Mr. Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons was heavily underlined with red pencil. I can still remember the words which were most carefully underlined.

"I shall master the magnetic mine," said Mr. Chamberlain.

That night when I went to the

Discussing Germany one day, I tried a new line. I told him, Captain, what do you think this German alliance with Bolshevik Russia after your leader has had so much cause to give the Russians in his book?

I thought this question would be difficult for even the most ardent Hitlerite to answer, and I was right. For once Captain Langsdorf had not an answer immediately ready. His brows went up, he hesitated for a moment, then he leaned deliberately back in his chair and wagged his forefinger at me.

"I think," he began—and I noticed the emphasis he laid on the word "I"—"I think that the Führer has only made this pact with Russia in order to get the raw materials he needs for the fight!"

For a moment he seemed almost horrified at his own heresy. I am quite

sure he would never have repeating this view in one of his own saloons.

Shortly after I began the strict discipline I had been subjected was being extended. Within a few days I was having as much as I pleased, and few were placed on me visiting at ships' decks as long as I behaved in the best manner.

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officers and on other joined them at excessive were particularly keen. There was none of the way of taking extra Englishmen know; this all deadly earnest as through it with grim have never seen a perfectly German in it.

It was a day or two at was in the hangy posture laugh on the young Gerit had been heading south gradually veered to the avoid the British naval town, which Langsdorf searching for him.

I knew we must be Roaring Forties. There a westerly wind and the and butting into a heavy

Crew Surprised

This would be my new British sailors, either N chain service, for our over the seven seas majority of the young most of whose experience continued to the enclosed Baltic, heading into this sea was too much for could scarcely believe it of ten thousand tons of buffeted and flung about.

From where I stood ice of the funnel I of the Graf Spee was not of herself, as we say in She was pitching heavy seas were across her, and time at buried her foredeck. It was right over her funnel.

It struck me then, "What a poor hope we British warship came up. Visions of another floated through my mist Suddenly I felt the engine case and the perceptibly steeper. G dawn caught sight of down from the bridge skins on his way to his

Not Like Bar

"Ha, so these are Forties, Captain!" he bravely. "I have never waters before, but officers tell me it is a I realised then the reason of the German navy, pared with our own Navy on an occasional trip a conical on ceremonial or either in port or even comparatively calm had.

"My ship's making it this morning, although sea boat," he went on. "I have now taken eight knots."

TO-MORROW: REMEDY FOR RHEUMATISM

[This article is an extract from "I Was Graf Spee's Prisoner" to be published in the series on March 13.]

RHEUMATISM "Cripple" Now

Mrs D. of Swansea, who severe form of Rheumatism. After 20 years per doctor that she must expect to be so she was for six years treatment three times a day.

Picture Mrs. D. as you found her pain and stiffness. She gives all the credit to an unkindly I bought a I have now taken eight knots. I have up eight knots. I have up eight knots. I have up eight knots.

The solution of this puzzle will appear in to-morrow's "Newcastle Journal and North Mail."

Solution to yesterday's puzzle. — ACROSS: 1. Mon. 3. Jubilee Year. 8. Trousers. 9. Content. 10. Eels. 11. Etern. 12. Zee. 13. Adone. 14. Treated. 15. Invention. 16. Lark. 17. Sled. 18. Chief. 19. Siam. 20. Blanche. 21. Archer. 22. Desperately. 23. Bye. 24. DOWN: 1. Mathematic. 2. Problem. 3. June. 4. Breeze. 5. Rins. 6. Element. 7. Rat. 8. Chest. 13. Indifference. 14. Frown. 15. Vexed. 16. Vase. 17. Split. 18. Indulge. 22. Entitle. 25. Sky. 27. Obed. 28. Bad.

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SWEETS FOR THE

FORCES

—From War Fund

THE "Journal and North Mail"

War Fund yesterday sent

another supply of boiled sweets,

"black bullets," and also to

Northumberland and Durham men

of the B.E.F., and also to

trawlermen, minesweeper and submarine

crews, and units of the Merchant

Navy.

The consignments amounted to about

50 cwt., and have been made up by

gifts from numerous sources.

GLEE PARTY'S GIFT

A valuable gift has been given by some

of the big confectionery firms like

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An acceptable gift is that of

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Bay, from the Warship Con-

servative Glee Party. These sweets, at

their request, have been sent to

trawlermen.

The fund is to benefit by several

entertainments in the near future.

Among these is James Brice's play

"The Shipwreck," at the

Theatre Royal, Newcastle, on Wed-

nesday, April 10.

A whist drive is to be held by

Heaton Circle in the Victoria

Hall, on Thursday, March 14. By its

latest donation of £3 the Circle has

now contributed no less than £25 to

the fund.

Gifts, in cash or kind, should be sent to

The "Journal and North Mail"

War Fund,

46, Westgate Road,

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

FARMERS CALL

FOR FEWER

RESTRICTIONS

THE view that the Government's

present policy of restrictions

will result before long in a

decrease in production and a

More Religious Broadcasts?

Sir—A headline in your paper refers to the dangers of religious broadcasts. The only danger I can see is in having too few religious broadcasts.

What a benefit the B.B.C. might be if there were more teaching of this kind, instead of so much puffing that is put over. If putting something over to please is the only danger, it is the very thing wanted.

Now, when all man's ingenuity and thought seem to be directed to the destruction of life and property, what higher can be made of the B.B.C. but to draw people to God and thoughts of God? What a changed world it might bring about if man used his power for the service of man and to bring about the brotherhood of man, by directing man to God. Let us have more B.B.C. help, not less, and God will lead man to something higher.

W. P. BRUMWELL
13, Rectory Terrace,
Gosforth.

WAR-TIME MOTORING.

Sir—In your issue of the 2nd inst. I noticed a letter signed by "C. G. W." and headed "Should Motorists go Joy Riding?"

The subject of using a motor-car during war-time is one that has given rise to considerable controversy, and those who feel that it is unimportant to motor might well bear in mind that there are two sides to every question. As regards the importation of petrol, it should be mentioned that the lives of seamen on tankers are not risked merely to bring petrol for joy-

riding motorists to this country. Tankers mostly transport crude oil, and "pool" petrol is only one of many products of the refinement of this. Petrol for aircraft is another product, and remember that "pool" petrol is of no use for aircraft engines.

It should be realised that, in paying his car tax and purchasing petrol (each gallon of which carries a tax of 8d), a motorist is making a direct and considerable contribution to the national exchequer. He will not receive the money back in due course, with interest, as will the investor in War Loans.

It is upon such reasons that the appeal is made to motorists to keep their cars on the road. Thus the Government does not regard reasonable private motoring as undesirable as is proved by the fact that a basic ration of petrol is issued to every owner of a car who pays the licence duty on it. Furthermore, the necessity for keeping the wheels of trade turning is becoming increasingly apparent as time wears on, and by running his car, a motorist is helping to maintain employment in the retail motor trade which, unquestionably, is in the national interest.

DUDLEY H. NOBLE
331, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

Sir—"C. G. W.'s" argument against the use of private cars is that petrol is to be imported and is used for war purposes.

Has it occurred to "C. G. W." that

paper is made from wood pulp, which has to be imported and is used in making munitions? Therefore, to be consistent, "C. G. W." and millions of others ought to give up their daily papers and other reading matter. Think of the cargo space this would save!

Personally, although I did my bit from 1914 to the last war, I intend to continue with my 24 gallons per month and my daily paper so long as the Government are agreeable.

G. C.

ELSDON QUESTION

Sir—I would like to ask your Elsdon correspondents what they would propose to have done with the cemetery had there been no opposition to the extension of the churchyard.

If the people of Elsdon 25 years ago, during under the supervision of the church Council thought the cemetery a suitable burial ground, I see no reason why any Christian-minded person should oppose that consecrated ground now.

The Germans entered into the spirit of the thing, too. There was a loudspeaker in the midshipmen's quarters (unfortunately, a loudspeaker, the blessed thing, when we wanted to and frequently they put on English records which had taken from captured ships.

At other times we were regaled with German records which we could only muffle by stuffing a sock into the loudspeaker.

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It was obvious that the battleship had received a radio message from her aeroplane and was hastening after some new prey, whether British or neutral, warship or merchantman we could not tell.

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economies on national income and the reaction of local authorities and private property owners.

A wave of panic economy swept up local authorities and private property owners—a wave which is not only affecting building itself, but repair and maintenance and, to a lesser but still important degree, the numerous trades and occupations associated with building material manufacture, etc.

The Government should consider its policy and set an example to local authorities, who have taken its exhortations too much to heart, by continuing with all essential repairs and renovations.

R. COPPOCK,
General Secretary,
The National Federation of
Building Trades Operatives,
Albury, Surrey.

OTTO STRASSER

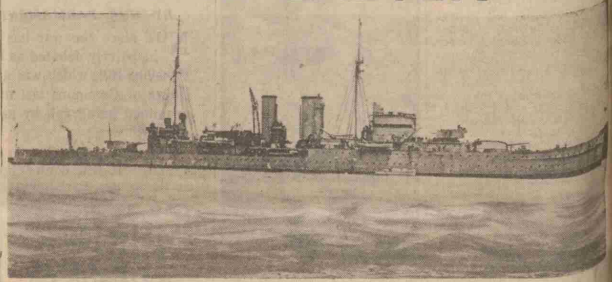
Sir—Great Britain and France have the winning of this war at their finger tips.

Otto Strasser, given a free voice in our broadcasts in German, would be the trick. He is now in France. I suggest he be asked to come to England at once.

School House,
Waldridge Fell.

CAPTAIN PATRICK DOVE continues his story, "I Was Graf Spee's Prisoner," and we are led to that exciting moment when—

GRAF SPEE SIGHTS THE EXETER



H.M.S. Exeter, which led the attack on the Graf Spee.

NOW I was a real prisoner, but the disadvantages of that were outweighed by the company of my own countrymen aboard, the sound of the English tongue, and the amusements we were able to organise even in those restricted quarters.

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More Prisoners

About six o'clock the next evening the old familiar alarm buzzer sounded and we knew that we were not going to get any exercise on deck that night. We heard no gunfire that time, but our engines gradually died away and we knew that we must have come alongside the other ship, whatever it might be. The prison door was locked as usual and the skylights were

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The Exeter!

We were still racking our brains to think how Captain Langsdorf could have known the position of the H.M.S. Exeter, when suddenly the Chief Engineer of the Strensham gave a whoop.

I knew where he'd got it from," he shouted. "They took all the newspapers of my ship and these Germans have been the sailing date of the H.M.S. Exeter in the shipping papers of one of the South American papers."

So it was as simple as that, and we had been admiring the intelligence service of the Germans!

At five-thirty the next morning all over the Graf Spee's decks and alleyways the alarm buzzers started to sound insistently.

There was the rush of sailors' heavy boots on the flat outside and above our heads. The iron door of our compartment slammed shut with a clang.

We did not know it then, but as the sailors had broken over the South Atlantic that searching tower of the Graf Spee had picked out something in our midst.

It was a German ship, and we were the British cruiser Exeter.

I sensed at once that there was something more ominous in this alarm than I had been on board the Exeter while I had been on board the Exeter.

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SIDELIGHTS ON WOMEN'S INTERESTS

"Omibus Bee" between CLUB and W.V.S.

By Edith Base

The North Cottage, Adderstone Green, Newcastle, 2, was the scene of a pleasant and grateful response.

Useful Hands
The Circle of Useful Hands has a name to tempt almost any girl to belong to it and the National Council of Girls' Clubs is not finding its members slow to seek for the necessary qualification. It is to be a craft worker and pass a certain test. Members of the Circle of Useful Hands will be admitted at special

LADY ARMSTRONG
whose Coquetdale Concert Party, under the auspices of the Northern Command, is giving five concerts in five villages this week.

SOMETHING called entrancingly an "Omibus bee" is due to take place at the Northern Counties Women's Club in Eldon Square on Saturday afternoon. A team from that Club has challenged a team representing Women's Voluntary Services to a tourney in spelling, general knowledge and musical knowledge. Lots of laughter seems a fairly safe promise.

Miss Mildred Atkinson will lead the ladies team. The visiting team will be led by Mrs. Stewart Reid, Regional Administrator for W.V.S. and her fellow contestants are to be Miss Jacqueline Woolcombe, Regional Organizer; Miss Nora Pryor and Mrs. S. Waller, representing the Newcastle Centre; Mrs. Hanson, Centre Leader at Gosforth; and Mrs. Jackson, also of the Gosforth Centre.

I hear that the Downer Marchioness of Reading, W.V.S. Chief, has asked to be told the

Coquetdale Concerts
Five concerts in five different villages is the stern plan of work for Lady Armstrong's wartime concert party in Coquetdale this week.

Lady Armstrong, recently appointed area representative for the Coquetdale District of the Northern

Supper Special
ONION TOAST

HERE is an appetizing supper or lunch dish. Make some food and spread with margarine. Fry thinly sliced onion to a golden brown. Put this on the toast and cover with this sauce of cheese. Put in a serving dish and brown off under the grill.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

NEW SEAHAM—Mrs. F. M. Gilmore, Commandant at New Seaham First Aid Post, and a number of Red Cross nurses gave a demonstration of first aid work to the members of the M.C.C. at the M.C.C. hall.

An entertainment, "Youth Takes a Bow," was given by Mesdames C. Murray, A. Baine, A. Casby, R. Salbeck and a number of the members of the M.C.C. Westfield.

Mrs. D. Dobson was elected delegate to the Food Produce meeting to be held at Durham, and arrangements were made for the Group meeting at Shiner Row in April.

A report on the activities of Seaham War Services Fund was given by Mrs. R. Burdett.

It was decided to resume holding the meetings in the evenings during the summer months.

AMBEE—A talk on Dr. Livingstone was given by Mrs. Addison, of Ambie, formerly of Sunderland. Mrs. Burion presided.

Mrs. Maddison gave a tray for competition, the winner being Miss E. Baines.

Hostesses were Mrs. J. Matthews, Mrs. Redpath, Mrs. Appleby, and Mrs. Richardson.

WINDATON—The meeting, presided over by Mrs. Glendinning, celebrated the seventh birthday of the Institute. The birthday cake was made by Mrs. J. Fairbank.

A bulb competition, judged by Mr. Peter, of Ayr, was won by Mrs. E. Armstrong and Mrs. Patterson. Mrs. Layton presented a beautiful crocheted cloth for the president's table.

"My Intelligence tells me now that the Barham and the Duqueneque were in the vicinity. The British cruisers tried to cut me off from the shore and drive me out to sea."

"They would never have tried to do this unless they had some support or were trying to drive me out into the guns of bigger ships somewhere out at sea."

"At ten o'clock last night the Ajax was getting close to me when I was near the land, and I fired a salvo to keep her off."

"And what are you going to do now, Captain?" I asked him.

The Uruguay authorities will probably allow me only forty-eight hours to repair my ship, and that is not enough. I am mechanically sound and my artillery is all right, but all my kitchen and stores have been shot away. I cannot feed my men, and I am not going out to sea to commit suicide with my crew."

"I will take me many days to repair this damage; this is not a friendly port

Middle-Aged Tired Feeling
is probably due to Acid Stomach

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Women in War

ORGANISATIONS JOIN FORCES

By D. M. NORTHOLT

In order to strengthen the joint work for equality between the sexes, which is the aim of two independent women's political organisations with London headquarters—the National Council for Equal Citizenship and the Women's Freedom League—a friendly agreement has been reached which will provide some measure of co-operation in war-time.

Both societies will retain their separate constitution and identify their own officers and committees, and their own finances, but will each help the other to carry on for the duration. Lady Pore, W.F.L. President, also acts as N.C.E.C. hon. treasurer.

One interesting result of this co-operation is the proposal to form a Joint Parliamentary Committee, of which Mrs. Hubbard, Principal of Morley House, London, and a well-known political expert, will be chairmen. Much valuable work, as is believed, will be achieved by this committee, and it is hoped members of other women's organisations will be co-opted.

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